

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The Specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications and to conform the specification to U.S. patent practice.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 16 are amended for clarification and to comport with U.S. claim style. Claims 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17 are also amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-17.

Early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-17.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Hal B. Woodrow
Hal B. Woodrow
Reg. No. 32,501

Johnson & Johnson
One Johnson & Johnson Plaza
New Brunswick, NJ 08933-7003
(732) 524-2976
Dated: September 24, 2004